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Mr. Mirron Alexandroff, President
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Dear Mr. Alexandroff,

It seems to me you have had more than enough time to answer my letter of the 19th. You may recall, you professed perplexity at the charge I made, and at the involvement of your institution in your letter of the 25th.

After writing it but before mailing it I had heard that the day before you wrote your claim to ignorance you called Skolnick in and ordered him never again to do such a thing involving your institution. However, I felt I should still send the letter, and I did.

Can it be that you, too, fear Skolnick, regardless of the evil of what he does in the name of goodness?

In any event, you are, as you know, deeply involved. Whether you believe me or not, you are thus part of serious damage and the more serious damage yet possible. I think no man of honor, certainly not one with any concern for the society of which he is part, would want to further compound the damage by silent complicity and by not doing what is possible to in some way relieve the harm.

Were it within my financial capability, I'd be in Chicago doing what I think must be done. It cannot be done fast enough.

I would be Daniel. I would accept an invitation to address your student body on the sanctity of our courts, the prostitution of the law, and the ease with which both can be converted by self-seekers into agencies of self-aggrandizement. I would also express disapproval of such things, which I would hope you would regard as striking a high moral tone, the kind of message you would want your students to hear.

Should Skolnick want to make a confrontation of this, I would require no more than 15 minutes for an opening statement.

All you need do is make it possible for me to be there.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg